



***President's Report  
2015 Annual General Meeting***

***“WBC’s vision for 2020 is to be the world leader in wheelchair basketball”***

Wheelchair Basketball Canada remains vigilant to its vision of becoming the World leader in wheelchair basketball. Our vision is the reason we do what we do. It’s about demonstrating best practices in the management and organization of our game in Canada. And it’s about contributing to the growth and wellbeing of our international game.

Our National Teams continue to set an impressive standard of success on the international court, and our National Academy continues to embrace high performance programming in a way not realized anywhere else in the world. Our athlete pathways are ever more accessible and contiguous as a result of our ongoing commitment to developing and supporting diverse programming needs across the country. Our technical programming continues to identify and develop a growing roster of national and international technical officials. And we continue to execute a strategic plan that ensures a dedicated and robust approach to all functional areas of our business operations.

And while WBC continues to make its case as the world leading NOWB for domestic programming and business operations, WBC is also highly regarded for its leading role in driving the growth of our international game. In many respects I have adopted, in my role as President of WBC, the task of maintaining WBC’s presence as a major contributor to developing the international game. In that regard, and as a supplement to the comprehensive reports of my Board colleagues, I would like to draw some small attention to the international contributions being made by WBC and its representatives in our ongoing effort to be recognized as the world leader in the sport.

**TO2015 Parapan American Games**

- Steve Bach served as Chair of the Sport Organizing Committee for Wheelchair Basketball
- Trevor Kerr served on the Sport Organizing Committee responsible for Scoring Timing and Results
- Maureen Orchard served as the Technical Delegate for the Parapan Am tournament
- All WBC staff played lead roles in liaising with TO2015 and in delivering and presenting the Parapan Am tournament





### IWBF America's Zone

- Steve Bach served as Development Officer for the past 4 years and was recently elected as Competition Officer for the next 4 years
- Maureen Orchard served as Competition Officer for the past 4 years and was recently appointed as Treasurer for the next 4 years
- Anne Lachance was recently elected as Classification Officer for the next 4 years

### IWBF World

- Steve Bach was elected Vice President in 2014 for a 4 year term
- Maureen Orchard was appointed Secretary General in 2014 for a 4 year term
- Steve Bach was appointed as Chair of the IWBF Development Committee in 2015
- WBC hosted the IWBF U30 Officials Clinic in Toronto in March 2015
- WBC has bid to host the Men's U23 World Championship in 2017
- Sergio Giordano, Sebastien Gauthier, Guylain Lapointe, Alexandre Lapointe, Anne Lachance and Karen Ferguson continue to serve the game as International Technical Officials and or as International Learning Facilitators

This past year is one that has been marked by our ever-present commitment to advancing program growth, to building on operational foundations, and to contributing our collective expertise in developing the international game. We are overwhelmed by the wonderful efforts of our staff, our Board, our Members, our athletes, and our ever growing base of partners in basketball. We are excited at both the direction we are moving, and at the prospect of what we have yet to accomplish together. We extend our many thanks and congratulations to all who have shared, and who continue to share, in our vision to be the world leader in the sport of wheelchair basketball.

Stephen Bach  
President  
Wheelchair Basketball Canada

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